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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, MASS, ET, SO
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT SALES TO SOMALIA AND
ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 001770

1. CITE NO. C - NF - 7 - 55026.
2. EMBASSY EDO RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM U.S. COMPANY,
FLIGHT PRODUCTS, INC., REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF
CONCLUDING CONTRACT FOR C-130 SPARE AIRCRAFT PARTS WITH
SOMALIA PURCHASING AGENTS. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
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REPORTED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A CANADIAN, MR. FINAN,
WHO CLAIMED TO REPRESENT SOMALIA PURCHASING AGENCY
LOCATED IN SWITZERLAND, THAT SOMALIA HAD CONCLUDED
PURCHASE OF THREE C-130 AIRCRAFT (H MODEL). THE FIRST
AIRCRAFT WAS TO BE DELIVERED THE END OF FEBRUARY.
FLIGHT PRODUCTS REPRESENTATIVE WAS INVITED TO
ACCOMPANY A SUPPORT CREW WHICH WOULD BE GOING TO

SOMALIA TO PREPARE ARRIVAL FOR AIRCRAFT. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT FINAN CLAIMED AIRCRAFT HAD USG EXPORT APPROVAL AND, IN FACT, HAD ALSO BEEN APPROVED BY CIA. EDO CITED USG POLICY NOT TO APPROVE MILITARY EXPORTS TO SOMALIA AND WARNED COMPANY REP THAT SUCH A SALE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY USG AND THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY THAT USG WOULD SANCTION C-130 SPARE PARTS CONTRACT. ABOVE BEING REPORTED PRIMARILY IN EVENT C-130S MAY HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM THIRD COUNTRY.

3. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE ALSO REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON FEASIBILITY OF SELLING DC-6 AIRCRAFT TO ETHIOPIA. AS THIS CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, EMBASSY SUGGESTED COMPANY INITIATE NORMAL EXPORT APPROVAL APPLICATION BEING COGNIZANT, HOWEVER, THAT ETHIOPIA WAS LIKEWISE SENSITIVE AREA AND APPROVAL WAS NOT GUARANTEED. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE CONTACTING OMC AT STATE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.
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